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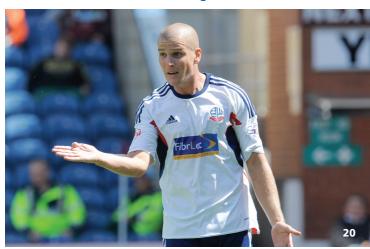
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### THEMANAGER

#### Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Reebok Stadium.

This afternoon is a significant one for our football club. Today we are proud to unveil a tribute to one of our club's all-time greats, Nat Lofthouse. It is only right that Nat is remembered in this way.

There will always be certain players in football that will stand out, regardless of the era they play in. These kind of players would be able to adjust their game to the demands of modern-day football; for me Nat Lofthouse very much falls into that category, though there would of course be no place for his shoulder charge on the Manchester United goalkeeper in the 1958 cup final!

Looking back at our defeat against what was a very good Nottingham Forest side, all in all it was a disappointing afternoon. Things that could have gone wrong for us did go wrong for us.

We lost David Ngog on the eve of the game and were without Chris Eagles. We then conceded a goal early in each half and had a man sent off.

That is the first time since I have been at the club that we have been defeat by more than the odd goal and today, as a club, we must bounce back.

I'd like to welcome all at Queens Park Rangers to the Reebok – Harry Redknapp, his players, staff and the club's directors for what we hope will be another entertaining game.

After coming down from the Premier League, QPR have spent a significant amount of money and were installed as the pre-season favourites for the league title. We know we're in for a difficult game, but as always we'll be looking to execute our own game-plan and ask some questions of our own.

Yes, we may have made a bit of a slow start, but make no mistake, we are determined to put things right.

I strongly believe we are not too far away from getting the right results. In every game we have played so far this season we have shown our qualities in parts. We now have to show that consistently over a longer period of time.

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The supporters coaches will depart the Reebok Stadium at 5.30pm and is priced at £9 per head Bolton will return to Championship action the following weekend, with another local trip, this time Ewood Park the destination to face Blackburn Rovers. Coach prices are again £9 per person. To book please call in to Bolton Central, book online at www.eticketing.co.uk or book over the telephone by calling 0844 871 2932.

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## **THESKIPPER**

#### Good afternoon and welcome back to the Reebok Stadium for this afternoon's game against Queens Park Rangers.

Our aim for today is to put things right after last weekend, we didn't play well at Nottingham Forest so we have a lot to answer for.

I would like to thank the fans for making the trip to Nottingham and we now have to show that we can perform against good teams.

QPR are a good team, it is a massive game for all of the lads and we are looking forward to the challenge.

QPR will be looking to bounce straight back to the Premier League and they have started the season well, winning two of their three opening league matches.

In our last home game, we put in a good performance against Reading and I believe we should have won the match. We will roll our sleeves up this afternoon, forget about last weekend and focus on picking up all three points.

We haven't lost at home in the league in 2013 but we don't want to look back at stats, we want to look forward.

We beat QPR 4-0 in the opening game of the season two years ago and we also won at the Reebok Stadium later that year.

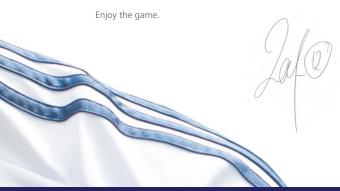
They are team we have done well against in the past but we don't want to rely on that, they have different personnel and so do we.

I am asking the fans to once again get behind the team this afternoon. If they get behind us it makes a massive difference and it helps to give us a step in the right direction. They are as much of the team as we are on the pitch.

Today is also a special moment for the football club with the unveiling of the Nat Lofthouse statue.

Nat is a club legend and has been fantastic for the football club.

It is an honour to follow in Nat's footsteps and captain Bolton Wanderers. It is a proud moment and I feel honoured every time I put the captain's armband on.



# LOFTHOUSE

Bolton Wanderers are today delighted to unveil the Nat Lofthouse OBE statue ahead of this afternoon's game against Queens Park Rangers.

The ceremony is planned to take place an hour and a half before kick-off, with the statue standing proudly outside the west stand near the Reebok main reception Club owner Eddie Davies, Chairman Phil Gartside and sculptor Sean Hedges-Quinn will join Nat's son and daughter, Jeff and Vivian Lofthouse in attendance as special guests.

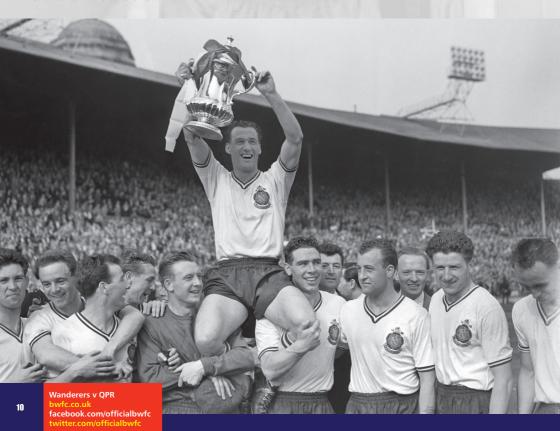
The club announced in January 2012 at Nat's memorial service, one year after his passing, that there would be a sculpture constructed in memory of the former Wanderers striker.

Hard work has gone in behind the scenes for the last 18 months in order for the statue to be ready ahead of Nat's 88th birthday on Tuesday.

Lofthouse, regarded as one of England's footballing greats, played his entire club career for his hometown club, scoring 255 goals in 452 league appearances.

Capped 33 times by the Three Lions, Lofthouse famously picked up the nickname 'the Lion of Vienna' after his two goals against Austria and represented England in the 1954 World Cup.

Winning the FA Cup with Wanderers in 1958, Lofthouse is regarded as a Bolton Wanderers club legend, with the statue dedicated to his life achievements.





#### THE STORY BEHIND THE NAT LOFTHOUSE STATUE

Wanderers' most cherished son Nat Lofthouse will today join a special list of footballing greats who have had their careers celebrated by their respective clubs with a monument.

It has taken a year and a half for statue to be designed and built, but who are the people behind the scenes that have played a significant role in what will be a historic moment in the club's history.

The first step was to choose the iconic image that was going to be used for the creation of the statue. With six pictures available to choose from, Bolton fans narrowed the selection down to three, with the trio of images all incorporated into the statue.

The main sculpture is of Lofthouse holding the ball, as he did week in week out as club captain at Burnden Park. A fitting tribute to Lofthouse are the words incorporated into the plinth surrounding the statue which say 'I have got the ball now, it is a bit worn but I have got it.'

The other two images chosen by the supporters where of Nat lifting the FA Cup trophy on the shoulders of his team mates after Wanderers' success at Wembley in 1958 and Nat on international duty with England.

With all the plans finalised, British sculptor Sean Hedges-Quinn, who has created statues for numerous famous footballing names including Bobby Robson and Alf Ramsey, got down to work at his base in Suffolk.

Meanwhile back in the North West, events were being held in order to raise funds for the statue ground works with several occurrences taking place, from sky diving to long distance walks.

The wait was finally over last Thursday, when the statue arrived at the Reebok Stadium, two days ahead of the unveiling as it was placed on the plinth.

All in all, everybody involved has done an incredible job raising funds for Nat's statue, with today's unveiling another proud day in the history of Bolton Wanderers Football Club.

#### The club would like to thank all these who have contributed to the building of the statue:

Fundraising team - John Walsh, Alan Walsh, Des McBain, Michael James, Ray Darby.

**Project team** - Bradshaw Gass and Hope, Forrest, Create Construction Limited, Phil Mason, Jan Kozlowski, Richard Gee. Ellis Goodfellow.

Fundraisers - Bolton Wanderers Development Association, Dunscar Brewery, friends of Nat, public.

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#### **YOUR MEMORIES**

The Bolton Wanderers faithful have had their chance to send their memories and tributes of Nat Lofthouse in to the club ahead of today's statue unveiling.

Taken from www.natlofthouse.co.uk, we have selected a handful of your tributes to the man many describe as Mr Bolton Wanderers.

Nat, thanks for making us proud to be from Bolton. God bless. Andy Walton I am so proud to have met this gentleman and to have a laugh with him. God bless you Nat, you will always be a legend and always in the hearts of ever Bolton Wanderers fan. **Darilyn Rothwell** 

A local hero, a lovely man. S Clark

What a great example to all, a down to earth true Englishman and Boltonian. I was privileged to see him play with others who represented their home towns with pride. His legacy lives on and I am humbled to be a Boltonian. **Derek Moss** 

My dad always spoke of the greatness of this fine man, who was as passionate about Bolton as anyone who as ever played at the club. A true legend, one that will remain at the Reebok for many more years to come. God bless you Nat. **Steve** 

I'll always remember the huge grin on Nat's face and the bear hug he shared with another Bolton great, Big Sam, after winning at Cardiff against Preston in the Play-Off final. **Chris Baron** 

They don't make them like our Nat anymore, a wonderful man and a true sporting legend. Thanks for bringing the cup home in 1958. *Glenn Byron* 

God bless the Lion of Vienna and the Lion of Bolton Wanderers FC. You will remain in the supporters hearts forever. **Ray Openshaw** 

One of the true greats, both on and off the field. A gentleman who loved the game and especially Bolton Wanderers.

Stuart Jones

For many soccer crazy young Bolton lads growing up in the late fifties we had our very first hero and we were proud to say he was from Bolton. **Stuart Manning** 

What a man and what a player for Bolton. Played before my time but he was a truly genuine man and lion hearted player. **Ani Das** 

There will never be another one like Nat - a hero in our home from my boyhood to the present day. You did us proud. **Stephen Wassell** 

Thank you for the memories. You make me proud to be a Wanderer! You will never be forgotten. THERES ONLY ONE NAT LOFTHOUSE. *Adam Brownlee* 

Quite simply a hero. Fiona

Thanks Nat for the memories, you were the best bar none. BWFC for ever. Dave

He was the Lion, the best there's ever been! Peter J. Simmons

Nat Lofthouse - A world icon and a wonderful world ambassador for the game - you will be sadly missed. Neil Addis



#### NAT LOFTHOUSE WILL SIMPLY BE REMEMBERED AS BOLTON WANDERERS' GREATEST EVER PLAYER.

Born and bred in the town, Nat remained loyal to the club from the moment he signed on at the club as an amateur in 1939 until the day he passed away.

A brief glance at history books immediately indicates the nature of the service that he provided to Bolton Wanderers – Nat was a one club man who scored 255 goals in 452 league appearances.

He was the definition of the 'old fashioned centre-forward', a true working-class hero who was a gentleman off the field and a fearsome competitor on it.

Nat's senior career started in the best possible fashion, scoring two goals on his debut in a victory over Bury aged just 15 years and 207 days.

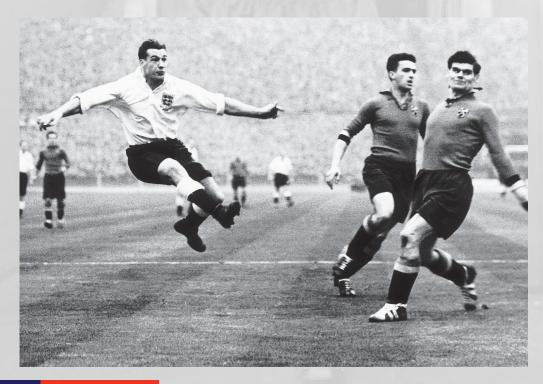
He earned the first of 33 caps for England in 1950 and, as with his career at club level, he marked the occasion with a brace of goals, this time against Yugoslavia at Highbury.

But it was the famous victory over Austria two years later in which the soubriquet 'the Lion of Vienna' was coined. He scored two goals against a team considered to be the 'unofficial world champions', the second of which was scored after being knocked unconscious earlier in the game.

Those two strikes were from a total of 30 goals scored on the international scene - a ratio of almost one per game – which had been opened at the first possible opportunity when he scored a brace against Yugoslavia on his debut in November of 1950.

Nat's scoring record is testament to his ability, and he remains joint sixth in England's all-time scoring lists, where he is tied with Alan Shearer and Sir Tom Finney.

He played in two FA Cup finals during his career at Bolton Wanderers and both were memorable occasions.



In 1953, he scored but was on the losing side against Blackpool in the famous 'Matthews' Final', having previously scored in each round en route to the final. He was voted English Footballer of the Year in the same year, while he topped the First Division goal scoring charts with 30 goals.

On May 3, 1958, almost five years to the day, the Whites went one better as Nat captained Bolton to triumph over neighbours Manchester United in the FA Cup final.

Lofthouse, then aged 32, scored both goals against the Red Devils as Bolton went on to lift the FA Cup trophy for a fourth time.

Later that year, on 26 November, Lofthouse made his final England appearance against Wales. He officially retired from football in January 1960 after Bolton's tie with Birmingham City because of an ankle injury.

Nat was never booked or sent off for England in 30 games, and the side only lost five times when he played.

In July 1961, Lofthouse returned to his old stamping ground as he came the assistant trainer at Wanderers.

He was later appointed chief coach at the club in 1967 before taking over the manager's position on 18 December 1968, following a brief stint as caretaker boss.

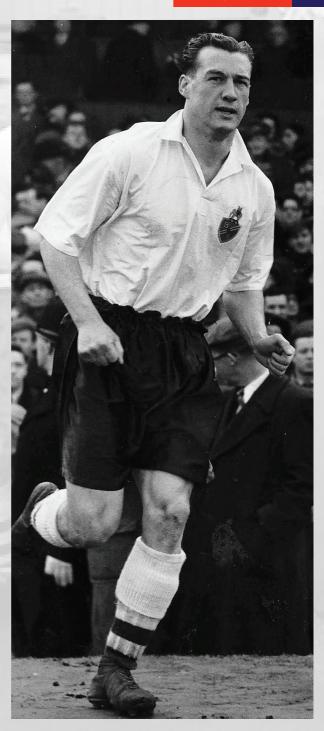
Taking over from long-serving manager Bill Ridding, Lofthouse spent two years in the hot seat at Burnden Park, but stepped from the role to become executive club manager and later, club president.

In 1985, at the age of 60, Lofthouse once again became caretaker manager at the club before taking on his final role as club president in 1986.

Lofthouse received various honours since retiring from playing football; honours that included being made a Freeman of Bolton in 1989.

On 1 January 1994, he received an OBE from Queen Elizabeth II and, on 18 January 1997, the club named their East Stand at the Reebok after the centre forward.

Today's ceremony recognises Lofthouse's legendary status, loyalty and commitment to BoltonWanderers Football Club, and although always associated with Burnden Park, Nat's legacy will live on long into the future at the Reebok Stadium.



#### **CLUB MEMORIES**



**Phil Gartside** joined the board at Bolton Wanderers in 1989 before being appointed as Chairman ten years later in October 1999.

Gartside said: "I was fortunate and privileged enough to spend time with Nat, and get to know him and without a shadow of doubt, Nat was Bolton through and through. He loved the club and its fans, everything and we can count ourselves very lucky that he came our way.

"The Wanderers had a special place in his heart and he will be forever remembered by us as a true legend."

**Tony Kelly** played for Bolton Wanderers in over 100 games between 1991 and 1994. He returned to the club as the Fans' Liaison Officer in 2008, a role he now combines with the position of Under-18s coach.

Kelly said: "I don't think there has ever been a better example of the saying 'local boy done good'. He was a great ambassador for the football club and the town of Bolton.

"He will rightly be remembered as a legend but I will always remember him as a gentleman. When I first came to the club in 1991 from Shrewsbury Town I was struggling to find my best form. I was a bit despondent and Nat noticed this and singled me out.

"I came into training one morning and he took my out to the side of the pitch, put his arm around me and said: "Come on Cocker, just go back to basics". He helped me to get my confidence back and I will always be grateful for that.

For Nat Lofthouse to do that, it meant everything."





**John McGinlay** is a cult hero at Bolton Wanderers, who synonymous with the success achieved at Bolton Wanderers in the early 1990s. He scored 118 goal for the club following his transfer from Millwall.

McGinlay said: "I loved the to bits. He'd always be there with a smile and a 'morning Sir John' when you'd come into the club, and it was that common touch that made him special to the lads.

"He had done it all in the game, yet there wasn't a single hint of arrogance in the man. He would give you advice if you wanted it but would never to down to you.

"Bruce Rioch used to sit players down and point to as an example of loyalty in football club. Bolton Wanderers was his club. It didn't matter whether it was the Reebok Stadium or Burnden Park, he loved to be there, and feel a part of things, even if his health meant he eventually couldn't do that as much as he would have liked."



**Roger Hunt,** who won the World Cup with England in 1966, was at Wembley eight years before his success with the Three Lionds watching his hero Nat Lofthouse lift the FA Cup.

Hunt said: "It is fantastic that the club have built a statue for Nat. When I was young, he was my hero and then when I went playing for Bolton Wanderers, he was the manager. I spent a lot of time with Nat, he was a great man.

"Bolton Wanderers was the only club for Nat and he was a fantastic servant. I remember watching Nat score both goals for Bolton as they won the FA Cup, and he knocked the goalkeeper in the back of the net.

"I was in the army at the time down south, and I managed to get tickets for the game at Wembley. I got to know Nat very well when I signed from Liverpool, and he was an unbelievable man."

**Warwick Rimmer** is a former team mate of Nat Lofthouse and has one stand out special memory of their time on the pitch together.

Warwick said: "I used to watch Nat play and he was a good player. I had the opportunity to go to Bolton and he was the star of the town. One of the greatest moments of my career was to play alongside Nat.

"He was a natural goal scorer and I always remember my first match at Cardiff and Nat scored the winning goal in the First Division.

> "In the papers the next day it said 'Rimmer and Lofthouse' and I still have the backpage to his day.

"Wherever you went if you said Nat, everybody said Bolton."





**Gordon Taylor** OBE was a regular fixture in the Bolton Wanderers teams of the 1960s playing over 250 games and chipping in with over half a century of goals.

Taylor said: "I remember him not only as a great character but also as the finest centre-forward that England has ever had and certainly that Bolton Wanderers ever had.

"He's up there with the very greatest players. He was a hero of mine as a youngster and in the veryfirst live game that I saw he got a hat-trick when up against the great centre-half Jimmy Dickinson of Portsmouth.

"Sometimes you can be disappointed when you meet your heroes in reality but he was even better. I played under him and he was a great person and a great footballer who will remain forever in thememory of every Bolton and football fan who saw and met him."

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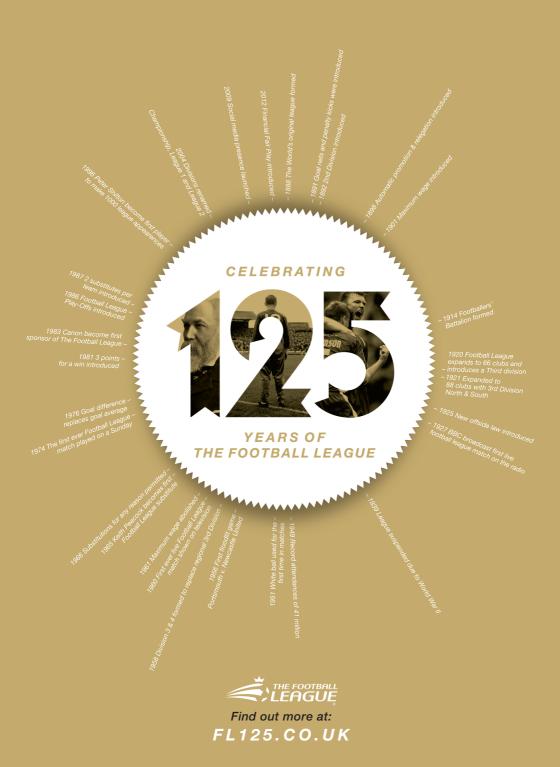
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# MYBESTIS YETTOCOME

Defender Marc Tierney has made an encouraging start to life back home in the North West after a four and half year exile at the opposite end of the country.



# ONEONONE

#### WITHMARCTIERNEY

The solid full-back, who celebrated his 28th birthday yesterday, has represented both Colchester United and Norwich City in recent times, before taking the decision to leave the latter and join Dougie Freedman and co in their 2013/14 Championship quest.

Born only 15 miles down the road in Prestwich, Tierney has made the left back berth his own in the opening weeks of the new season, and is pleased with how his first two months have panned out at the Reebok Stadium.

"It is an honour Bolton Wanderers wanted me to be a part of their playing staff," Tierney told Wanderers matchday programme.

"I told Norwich City last January I wanted to leave and the manager here at Bolton made it clear straight away he wanted me to sign.

"We have a great set of lads and everybody has settled in well. There is a great vibe around the place, all of the staff have made me feel welcome from the second I walked in.

"I was born just down the road near Salford, so I have a lot of friends and family in the area. To come back to the place where I grew up is brilliant, you know exactly how everybody thinks, what they expect and what they demand from you as a footballer.

"I won't be left shorthanded and I will be putting everything in to ensure the fans go away happy at full time."

The birthday boy started his career at neighbours Oldham Athletic as a 17-year-old, making his debut for the Latics in a 2-1 defeat at Scunthorpe United in the League Cup first round.

Having plied his trade across all four professional divisions in England, Tierney reflected back on his career so far but is expecting far more to come.

"It was a great learning curve for me at Oldham Athletic. Iain Dowie was there at the time and since then I have gone on to work under Paul Lambert at Colchester United and Norwich City. Again, it was another learning curve and I am always looking to get better.

"At Norwich City we won promotion from the Championship to the Premier League, and I played every game when I was fit.

"All the lads were willing to run through a brick wall for the team and that is exactly the same here. I am 28-years-old and I want Bolton Wanderers to see my best years."

Many Wanderers' fans will have recognised Tierney's face before his home debut against Reading two weeks ago.

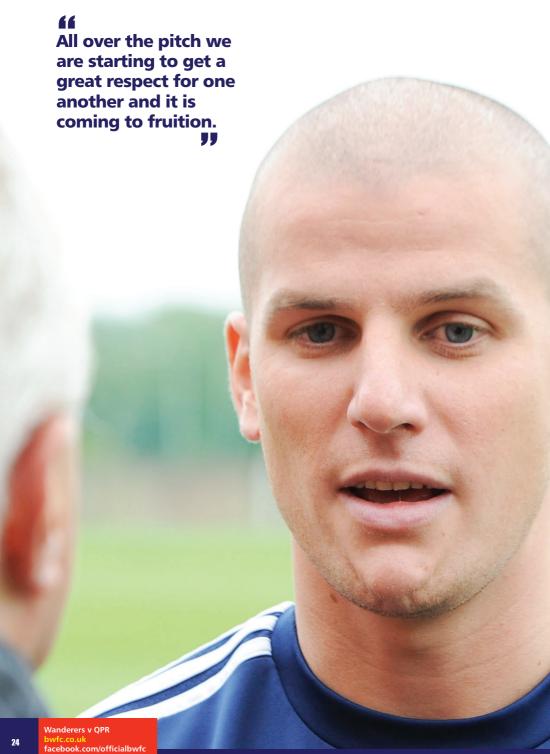
During his time at Norwich City, Tierney was involved in an incident with Ivan Klasnic in September 2011, with the Croatian consequently receiving his marching orders by referee Howard Webb.

City went on to win the game 2-1 at the Reebok Stadium, however that is now water under the bridge as Tierney shared his memories from that day.

"From my experience of playing for Norwich at Bolton two years ago, the one thing I did learn was the Bolton Wanderers fans really do get behind their team.

"Bolton possibly played better with ten men, the supporters really did play their part and I am excited to be one of their players this year.





"Some of the names that have played for the club before my time is unbelievable and I will be doing my best every time I play for Bolton Wanderers."

With transfer deadline day quickly approaching, manager Freedman has assembled a squad blessed with both Premier League and Championship experience, including the recent capture of Liverpool midfielder Jay Spearing.

Five players in the Whites dressing room, including Tierney, have tasted promotion to the top flight with previous clubs but Wanderers' new number 23 knows all too well how tough of challenge it will be for Bolton this year.

"We will have to be ready for a fight every single game, whether that is on a Saturday or a Tuesday. Recovery is key in the Championship but we have got the staff who can get the lads ready to go again.

"There is no better feeling than winning football matches and heading down the tunnel after game clapping the fans off.

"It is an amazing feeling and from that you can build momentum. I kept a close eye on Bolton last season and I could see the momentum building and if we can get that again, there will be no stopping us.

"We have a squad blessed with Premier League experience and that is exactly where we want to be.

"All the lads want to help Bolton get back up to the top division. We have all learnt from our own individual experiences, and the tougher those experiences are, the better.

"When our backs are against the wall and we are trying to see out as 1-0 win or beating a team comfortably, we will know how to see the match out in the correct fashion. We will learn from one another

"Players are starting to build relationships all across the park, linking up well and understandingwhat each different player wants.

"All over the pitch we are starting to get a great respect for one another and it is coming to fruition.

"We went away to Spain last month and knitted together, a couple of the lads joined up late after their international commitments but we have a great bunch at Bolton. We are a real tight knit and that is what the gaffer wanted.

"We will run that extra mile for one another and we will fight together as a group."

The Whites welcome another team that dropped out of the Premier League last season, as Londoners Queens Park Rangers visit the Reebok Stadium this afternoon for Bolton's fourth Sky Bet Championship game of the season.

Ready for another difficult challenge, Tierney, who provided the cross for Darren Pratley's opener against the Royals a fortnight ago, believes QPR will be challenging at the right end of the table come May.

"QPR are a massive club and they did a fantastic job winning the Championship title three years ago and are unbeaten so far.

"Last season didn't go to plan but they will be looking for an immediate reaction with the manager and the players at their disposal.

"This is another perfect test for the lads following on from the game against Reading and I am sure our supporters will be right behind us once again."



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## NUMBERS GAME WITHMARCTIERNEY



Tierney won promotion to the Premier League with former club Norwich City after the Canaries finished the 2010/11 season as Championship runners-up.



Wanderers' number 23 celebrated his 28th birthday yesterday, and will be looking for the perfect present today by picking up his first three league points as a Bolton player.



Having played for six clubs since making his professional debut in 2003 for Oldham, no club has needed to pay a transfer fee for Tierney's services. The 28-year-old has started Bolton's first three league games.



The defender made 18 Premier League appearances for Norwich City, were he established himself as a regular under former boss Paul Lambert.

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2013 REEBOK

## **DEVELOPMENTSQUAD**

Wanderers' Under-21s picked up their first point of the season with a hard earned 2-2 draw against West Bromwich Albion at the County Ground.

Chris Lester had given Bolton the lead from close range, but a goal from Saido Berahino either side of half time looked to have condemned the Whites to defeat.

Not to be deterred however, Wanderers hit back late on through Cian Bolger to ensure that the clash ended all square.

With not much to separate the two sides in the opening stages, Wesley Atkinson squandered arguably the best opportunity of the match so far as he played the ball across the face of goal in the eighth minute, but he was unable to find a West Brom body.

Wanderers looked certain to take the lead moments later as Andy Kellett played his free-kick over the top of the Baggies defence into the path of Youngs who took everybody by surprise by eluding the offside trap, but the youngster failed to keep his volley down with the goal at his mercy.

After a period of sustained pressure and with a goal seeming to be imminent, Lester poked the ball home from a yard out after Tom Eaves had connected with Kellett's dangerous ball across goal in the 23rd minute.

Eaves' initial shot looked to have taken a deflection, but the winger was on hand to ensure that Wanderers finally got the goal that their dominance deserved as he forced the ball over the line.

After finding themselves on the back foot for much of the first half, West Brom snatched an equaliser against the run of play in the 40th minute after Lynch failed to clear his lines, giving Berahino the simple task of firing the ball into the back of the net from just inside the area.

Despite their disappointment however, Wanderers were given the opportunity to retake the lead on the stroke of half time as Youngs was taken down by Rose inside the area and the referee pointed to the penalty spot, but Eaves' spot kick crashed against the crossbar.

With the first period having finished in dramatic fashion, the opening stages of the second were fairly calm in comparison before Berahino almost doubled his tally in the 50th minute as he curled the ball towards goal, but Lynch was quick to react to deny the striker.

West Brom were piling on the pressure, with Alex Jones forcing the Bolton shot-stopper into yet another smart save from close range after he turned his man inside the area, while Berahino unleashed yet another scorching shot which Lynch parried away.

Despite finding themselves on the back foot, there were still glimpses of a goal threat from the Wanderers' front line, with Youngs and Eaves ensuring that the Baggies' defence were kept alert with a number of powerful runs into the area.

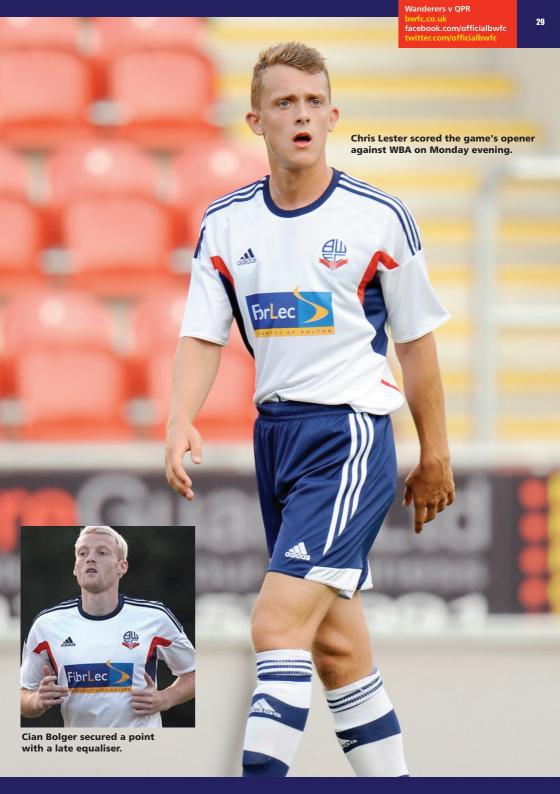
Youngs was handed a glorious opportunity to hand Wanderers the lead in the 70th minute after Sanmi Odelusi found him in space on the edge of the area, but he fired the ball straight at Rose under pressure.

With Wanderers seemingly finding their feet in the game however, they were hit with a sucker punch as Berahino doubled his tally with a powerful header from close range with just 14 minutes left on the clock.

The striker almost completed his hat trick with eight minutes remaining as he was found in space on the edge of the area, but Lynch did well to parry his stinging shot, while Jones had him scrambling at his near post.

With time running out, Wanderers pushed forward and were rewarded as they pulled themselves back onto level terms after a goalmouth scramble, Bolger stabbing the ball home with three minutes left to secure a well-earned point.

Wanderers: Lynch, Mears (White, 45), Kellett, Ream, Bolger, Vela, Lester, Threlkeld, Eaves (Clough, 84), Youngs (Wilkinson, 73), Odelusi Subs not used: Campbell, Kelly



# UNDER18's

Bolton Wanderers youth team coach David Lee was pleased with the response his players gave him in the second half, despite losing 3-1 at Reading last weekend.

The Whites U18s went ahead at the Royals' academy base at Hogwood Park through Spanish striker Guillermo Torres.

But the hosts didn't take long to respond, and were level in the 25th minute when De'Jaune TaylorCrossdale ran down the left before a composed finish past Bolton goalkeeper Harry Campbell.

One turned to two for Reading soon after when Reading scored from a free-kick 25 yards out, Liam Kelly scoring with a volley after flicking up a pass from Aaron Kuhl.

Before the half time interval, Irish midfielder Conor Shaughnessy made it three after capitalising on an individual error.

Wanderers could have halved the deficit in the second half as Tom Walker missed from the penalty spot, but overall Lee was impressed with how is team conducted themselves in the second half after trailing by two goals.

"Three individual errors in the first 20 minutes led to their goals which the players were made aware of at half time," said the club's academy coach.

"We had a better response in the second half and we could have scored six or seven goals in the second half.

"They reacted well to the constructive criticism at half time and we got a positive performance from them in the second half.

"The boys that did make the individual mistakes made up for their errors and that is what it is all about, learning.

"I expect the players to make mistakes because if they don't then they will not learn. So by making mistakes at least they have the chance to rectify them and build.

"It is all about player development but on the result side the players have to learn how to win games, so even though we don't look at the results, the players do.

"The results do give the players confidence but as a youth team coach it is my job to give those players confidence as well.

"I do overlook the results and I look purely on the technical and tactical elements of the players and see how they are progressing week by week.

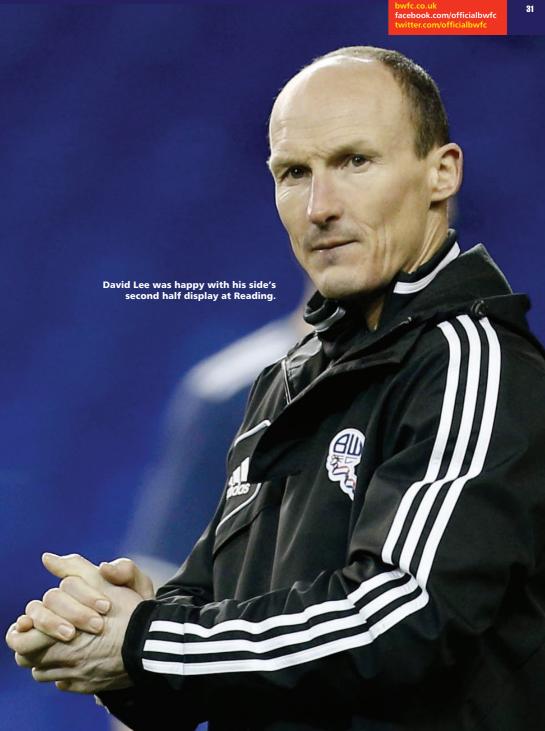
"From a defensive point of view we did concede three goals and from a midfield and attacking point of view, we have created lots of opportunities.

"We want the players to create and score goals but we also want them to stop conceding. Oncewe get both of those formulas together, we will get the perfect football match and results for the players.

"That is what youth team football is all about, you never get the defence, midfield and forwards all doing their jobs on the same day."

Without a game this weekend, Bolton's youngsters will be back in action on Wednesday morning against neighbours Blackburn Rovers at Lostock, 11am kick-off.







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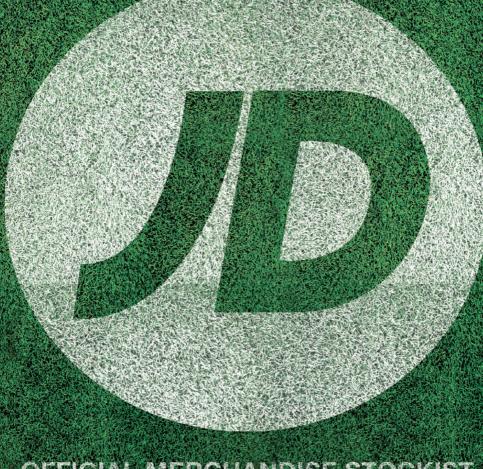


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World Cup referee Graham Poll.

With the Premier League kicking-off last weekend, one of the hottest topics circulating the game at the moment is the introduction of goal line technology.

After years of debate, the top tier of English football will see the use of technology for the first time following a number of incidents, including an infamous moment involving Wanderers and QPR in their last meeting at the Reebok Stadium in 2012.

Rangers captain Clint Hill was denied the opening goal of the game when his header from Joey Barton's corner crossed the line, before goalkeeper Adam Bogdan palmed it on to the underside of the crossbar.

Former World Cup and Premier League referee Graham Poll, who retired in May 2007 after over 20 years in the sport, is regarded as one of the best officials in recent times, and is firmly behind the introduction of goal line technology.

"The introduction of technology in football has been long overdue," said the 49-year-old in an exclusive interview with Wanderers matchday programme.

"Referees do need help when making decisions, and if the technology is available then we should be using it.

"There has been so many occasions when a match official hasn't being able to make a call because they couldn't see what happened.

"I remember an occasion happening to me with Bolton Wanderers against Everton where I was unable to make a decision so its time technology is used. Decisions can change games."

Now working for an IT recruitment company, Poll, has refereed a number of games at the Reebok Stadium down the years, including Bolton's memorable 2-1 win over Liverpool in 2001 when Dean Holdsworth scored a 90th minute winner for the Whites.

"Games at the Reebok Stadium where always very tense and close encounters," admitted Poll. "Sam Allardyce always had his teams ready for battle and the visitors always knew they were in for a tough game. I never had an easy afternoon at the Reebok Stadium."

A regular contributor to the Daily Mail newspaper, Poll will be taking keen interest in this afternoon's early kick-off in the North West, as he concluded by saying he 'follows' today's opponents, QPR.

"I wouldn't call myself an avid Queens Park Rangers fan but I always look out for their results. As a referee you always have to be independent and neutral so it is hard to maintain a passion for a team.

"The FA always ask referees before the start of the season whether they have an affiliation with a club.

"For example, Mark Clattenburg will not referee a Newcastle United match because it is his local team. However, I have always said I could referee anybody and I was more than happy to referee QPR on nine occasions, in which they won three, lost three and drew three."

# BEYONDTHE90

#### The Unveiling.. Not just a Statue

The day of the unveiling of the Nat Lofthouse Statue has finally arrived and it couldn't have been on a more

fitting weekend as we remember Nat who would have celebrated his 88th birthday on 27th August.

In the planning for the unveiling it was Nat's family who felt it to be more appropriate to unveil the finished statue on the anniversary of his birthday, making this a significant moment for them, our Club, our town and the wider footballing world.

This is not just a statue though because where it has been located has created a focal point for the club where I am sure over the years to come we shall stop and stand to celebrate and remember other significant moments.

In many ways it has become a "sacred space" where people can celebrate personal significant moments in life through the placing memorial bricks and bricks to remember birthdays and anniversaries etc.

The words around the plinth are those of Nat's final words, "I've got the ball now, it's a bit worn, but I've got it" which fit perfectly with the statue of Nat holding the ball leading the team out on to the pitch as he did week in week out as the Captain.

The bronze freezes celebrate Nat as the Lion of Vienna and the cup final of 1958 with Nat holding the cup aloft.

Within the freeze the sculptor has captured all the members of the 1958 team who are also named in the surrounding paving bricks.

As you can see this is not just a Statue but so much more for our club.



#### **Summer Holidays Courses**

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There will be appearances Wanderers players and Lofty the Lion throughout the holiday.

From September we are offering a number of 12 week coursesfor children ages one to fifteen years detailed below:

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This season sees the revamping of our junior season tickets and membership package, with a host of new benefits and savings.

Three BWFC Junior membership packages are available, two of which will incorporate a season ticket. Access to a wide range

of player appearance events will be included in the new membership packages, along with special offers on coaching courses and activities.

Membership packages for children aged 0-12, priced at £70, and 13-18, priced at £80, both include season tickets, whilst a non-season ticket package is available for £25 and includes six free match tickets.

Details of the three BWFC Junior membership packages can be found below.

	BWFC JUNIORS MEMBERSHIP	BWFC JUNIORS 0-12	BWFC JUNIORS 13-18		
Cost	£25	£70	£80		
Season ticket	No	Yes	Yes		
Match by match ticket benefits	6 Free match tickets, with an adult ticket for £15	N/A	N/A		
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'Mascot Selects' will be sent a foldercontaining a photo taken with the team captains and officials.

Joseph Whittle was the lucky Mascot Select winner against Reading, he was selected from the Bartercard UK Family Stand.

### **#WEAREBOLTON**

In this season's programme we'll be giving you, our fans, the opportunity to tell us why you are Bolton in our feature, #WeAreBolton.

Fans from around the world are encouraged to submit their Bolton memories from down the years that helped shape them into the fan they are today.

Gary Young, from Warrington is today's #WeAreBolton feature, and he explains how he will never forget his trip to Wembley in 1986 to watch the Freight Rover Trophy final.

**Name: Gary Young** 

**Age: 38** 

**Location: Newton-Le- Willows** 

### Why are you a Bolton Wanderers supporter?

I first became a Bolton Wanderers fan simply because my dad was a lifelong Bolton Wanderers supporters.

My dad is still here in spirit supporting Wanderers through his memorial brick near the main reception at the Reebok Stadium.

### What was the first Wanderers game you attended?

I have looked back and checked and the first game I attended was at Burnden Park on Saturday 28th April 1984. I was only eight years old at the time and we were playing AFC Bournemouth, but unfortunately we lost 1-0.

### What are your memories of supporting Bolton?

My fondest memory being a Wanderers fan would have to be the moment I started supporting the club. My dad had taken me to a couple of games when I was eight, however it was the 1986 Freight Rover Trophy final which made a White for life.

Up until the Wednesday before the Saturday match, we had no plans to go, but my dad walked into the house and announced that he had bought two tickets and we would travel down to Wembley on the club coach.

Excitement couldn't even describe how I was feeling, as for me, going to watch the Freight Rover Trophy final may as well have been a trip to Wembley to watch the FA Cup final.

The rest of the town pretty much shared my view as a sea of white made its way to London for the first time since 1958 to cheer the team on.

As it was, we lost the game, however I don't think one single Bolton Wanderers fan cared. The support was deafening and we didn't stop signing until we arrived back at Manchester Road late in the evening.

My personal favourite song was when we sung 'illuminations' to the tune of the 'Wanderers' chant.

This was in response to the motorway lights being turned on – at that moment we would have sung about anything!It just goes to show it doesn't matter what league we are in or what the results are – we are a great club with great supporters.













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**NAT LOFTHOUSE** 

# VISITORS

Queens Park Rangers travel to the Reebok Stadium for only the second time since 2000 and will be targeting their first away win of the league campaign.



The last time the two sides faced one another in the league, the Whites completed the double over the Londoners, including a memorable 4-0 victory at Loftus Road on the opening day of the 2011/12 season.

The Hoops are looking for an immediate return to the Premier League after a disappointing campaign last year which saw them slip out of England's elite.



The West Londoners failed to win any of their opening 16 league games, resulting in Harry Redknapp replacing Mark Hughes at the helm at Loftus Road.

Despite drafting in five players during the January transfer window, including highly sought after striker Loic Remy, Redknapp couldn't prevent QPR dropping back down to the Championship after two years in the Premier League.

The current Rangers squad possess the quality to mount a serious challenge for promotion, with seven of the first team squad having been capped for England.

The R's got off to a pleasing start to the 2013/14 campaign, recording a 2-1 win against Sheffield Wednesday at Loftus Road. The Londoners fell behind early on but Nedum Onuoha's first goal for the club and a volley from Andy Johnson secured all three points.



A hard fought point at Huddersfield Town followed on in their second game and last weekend, the R's maintained their 100% start at Loftus Road with a 1-0 victory over Ipswich Town.

The Hoops have shipped out a number of players including attacking duo Remy and Adel Taarabt, who have joined Newcastle United and Fulham on loan respectively.

Other big names to have departed the blue and whites are former French international Djibril Cisse, centre back Christopher Samba and twice Champions League winner Jose Bosingwa.

The most eye-catching of the new arrivals is ex-Burnley poacher Charlie Austin, who scored 25 goals in the Championship last season. The former bricklayer will have to fight for a start however, with former England duo Bobby Zamora and Andy Johnson forming a formidable partnership in the opening game against Sheffield Wednesday.

The other new arrivals all possess experience in the second tier with Richard Dunne, Karl Henry, Danny Simpson and Gary O'Neil having won promotion to the Premiership a total of six times between them.

In off the field additions Harry Redknapp has notably added former England manager Steve McClaren to his backroom staff, taking up the role of Head of Coaching alongside Redknapp's longstanding allies Joe Jordan and Kevin Bond.

### STARMAN

Charlie Austin proved to be exactly what QPR boss Harry Redknapp was looking for just 90 seconds into his full debut for the Hoops. The 24 year-old scored his first goal for the club against Exeter City after signing from Championship rivals Burnley.

The English born striker enjoyed an outstanding season at Turf Moor last year as he became the fastest Burnley player to score 20 goals in a season, reaching the milestone after just 17 appearances.

His exploits caught the attention of clubs across the country and earlier this summer, a failed medical at Hull City prevented Austin from plying his trade in the Premier League.

Hull City's loss proved to be Rangers' gain as they pounced and sealed the deal for a goal scorer who boasts a record of more than one in two games over the course of his career.

The former bricklayer was playing non-league football until 2009 when he signed for Swindon Town and realised his dream by becoming a professional football.

Charlie made an immediate impact and found the back of the net no less than 20 times during his first professional season.

Now at a club who are amongst the favourites to make a return to the top league, Austin has expressed his desire to help QPR do just that.

Upon completing his transfer and signing a three year contract at Loftus Road, he said: "This is a really exciting time for me and I can't wait to pull on the QPR shirt for the first time. I'll come in, give my all and hopefully score the goals that ensure we have a memorable season."





### **THEBOSS**

Born in London, Harry Redknapp began his management career shortly after his retirement as a player. In 1984 he took full charge of AFC Bournemouth and guided them to the Third Division title as well as a famous 2-0 FA Cup win against Manchester United.

His next port of call was Upton Park, and as manager of West Ham United he unearthed young talents such as Rio Ferdinand and Frank Lampard alongside helping the Hammers qualify for the UEFA Cup.

Redknapp departed back to the south coast to take over the reins at Portsmouth and he was named LMA Manager of the year in 2003 after guiding the club to the Premier League.

However, following a brief break after his tenure at Fratton Park, Redknapp was appointed manager of Pompey's arch rivals Southampton.

Unable to prevent Southampton dropping down to the Championship, Redknapp made a sensational return to Portsmouth and helped the club escape Premier League relegation. The Londoner also achieved his greatest managerial triumph to date, as Pompey lifted the FA Cup in 2008.

Harry did however depart Portsmouth to good the following season and joined Tottenham Hotspur. Spurs were winless when he joined but Harry turned their fortunes around, finishing eighth in the Premier League and runners-up in the League Cup.

The season after Tottenham qualified for the Champions League for the first time. His time with Spurs came to an end a year later, with a move to QPR following.

# QPR:THESQUAD



Veteran goalkeeper Green joined QPR from West Ham United in the summer of 2012 but spent the majority of last season as understudy to Brazilian international Júlio César. However, this season QPR's England international looks set to see more minutes in-between the sticks, having started the club's first three Championship games.



Club captain Hill will look to bring stability to a back line which lost Christopher Samba over the summer following the club's relegation from the Premier League. Having picked up the accolades of both the fans' and players' Player of the Year award in 2012, Hill has proven to be a main stay for boss Harry Redknapp.



After joining QPR from boyhood club Manchester City in the 2012 January transfer window, Onuoha went onto to make 23 league appearances in his first full season at Loftus Road. Proving to be a solid acquisition, and dubbed as a Loftus Road favourite, the 26-year-old has played 21 times for England U21s.



After starting his career with Manchester United, the defender enjoyed loan spells with the likes of Sunderland, Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle before joining the Magpies on a permanent basis in 2010.



The 33-year-old recently joined QPR following a four year spell with Aston Villa. One of the most experienced defenders in the current game, Republic of Ireland international Dunne had previously played over 300 times for Manchester City between 2000 and 2009 in all competitions as well as 53 league appearances for Everton between 1996 and 2000.



The experienced midfielder signed terms on a one-year-contract with the club earlier this month after opting against the decision of staying with West Ham United. Having started his career with Portsmouth, where he spent the best part of eight years, the 30-year-old went on to play for Middlesbrough before moving to Upton Park.

# QPR:THESQUAD



The former Chelsea and Manchester City winger heads into his third season with QPR with a wealth of experience behind him. The pacey winger was a regular starter for Harry Redknapp's side last term and will be looking to add to his two goals and one assist as the Hoops look for an immediate return to the top flight.



The 23-year-old talented winger is an exciting prospect for QPR fans in the upcoming season having spent the early parts of his career on loan with German sides Paderborn 07 and St Pauli. After leaving Blackburn Rovers last summer, the Canadian international has played over 30 times for the R's, scoring a fortnight ago in a 1-1 draw at Huddersfield Town.



Tenacious midfielder Joey Barton has recently returned to English shores following a season long loan spell at French giants Marseille, where he helped L'OM qualify for the Champions League. The 30-year-old has fitted straight into Harry Redknapp's midfield and his experience and qualities on the field of play could prove to be vital for Rangers this season.



A player whose career has been hampered by injury, midfielder Jenas looks set to put his woes behind him and become a regular for QPR this season. The 30-year-old joined Rangers in January 2013 and played regularly until the end of the season, scoring twice in the process. Jenas' highlight so far was helping previous employers Tottenham win the Leaque Cup in 2008



The former England international has endured a difficult start to his QPR career having damaged his cruciate ligaments just three games into last season following his move from Fulham. Having been a player who has never struggled to find the back of the net throughout his career, Johnson scored in the team's opening day victory over Sheffield Wednesday at Loftus Road.



The target man joined QPR alongside strike partner Andrew Johnson from London neighbours Fulham in 2012. Zamora, formerly of Tottenham and West Ham United, scored the winning goal for the Hammers in the 2005 Championship Play-Off final against Preston North End and also featured in the Europa League final for Fulham in 2010.

### NUMBERSGAME



The year QPR were formed



QPR became first Third Division club to win the League Cup



QPR legend Ray Wilkins became the club's oldest ever play, four days shy of his 40th birthday



Number of goals Rodney Marsh scored in 1966/67, the highest ever club total



Points QPR recorded when they won the Championship title in 2010/11



Record attendance at Loftus Road



QPR's highest league win against Tranmere Rovers in December 1960



The amount paid by QPR for the services of defender Chris Samba in January 2013



The number of hours between the dismissal of Neil Warnock and the appointment of new manager Mark Hughes



Tony Ingham became the club's highest appearance maker total with this number during the 50s and 60s

### **HISTORY**

Formed in 1886, Queens Park Rangers were the result of two local clubs - St Jude's Institute and Christchurch Rangers - merging together in the Queen's Park area of North-West London.



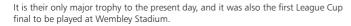
Nicknamed 'The Hoops' due to their blue and white ringed shirt colours, they became professional in 1889 but played their home games at many different grounds before finally settling on their current home, Loftus Road, in 1917.

The club won their first ever promotion to the old Second Division under Dave Mangnall in 1948, before being relegated back to Division Three South four seasons later.

After 15 long years back in the old Division Three, Alec Stock, arguably the Hoops' greatestever manager, led them back to the Second Division and went on to take them up to the First Division, for the first time in their history, in 1968.

However, it was when QPR were a Third Division side that saw one of, if not their greatest achievements to date. In 1967, under Stock, they came back from 2-0

down to win the League Cup 3-2 against West Bromwich Albion.



Dave Sexton took over at Loftus Road in 1974 and led the Hoops to within a point of winning the First Division title.

Unfortunately for the Londoners, a late win for Liverpool against Wolverhampton Wanderers denied them their first-ever league title as they finished runners up.



Rangers soon made their first appearance in European football in the late 1970's, and reached the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup – where they lost to AEK Athens on penalties.

The Hoops have also played in an FA Cup final, as in 1982 they were beaten 1-0 by Tottenham Hotspur in a cup-final replay.

QPR were close to adding a second League Cup to their trophy cabinet IN 1986 but, this time, they lost 3-0 to Oxford United in

front of over 90,000 fans at Wembley. Rangers became one of the founder members of the new Premier League in 1992, and spent four years in the

top flight before their relegation in 1996. It led to

another relegation in 2001, after a disastrous season condemned them back to the third tier for the first time in over 30 years.

The Hoops also entered administration in the same year but, by 2006, wealthy Formula One businessmen Flavio Briatore and Bernie Ecclestone had bought the club.

Rangers went through a string of managers before they returned to the Premier League in 2011, and escaped relegation under Mark Hughes after a dramatic final day at Manchester City, which saw Hughes' former employers lift the top title.

However, our opponents were relegated back to the Championship last season under Harry Redknapp's stewardship, but remain unbeaten so far after three matches.





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# MATCHACTION











### **v READING**

Nick Blackman's second half penalty denied Wanderers their first home victory of the season as the two sides played out a 1-1 draw at the Reebok Stadium.

Darren Pratley had opened the scoring early on with his second goal in as many games, but the Royals were back on level terms shortly after half time through Blackman's spot kick.

Wanderers were in the ascendancy from the off, with David Ngoq going close to breaking the deadlock inside the opening stages before Pratley headed home from close range in the 13th minute.

From thereon in it was virtually all Bolton for the remainder of the half, with Medo thundering his 30-yard strike against the post with McCarthy nowhere in sight.

Having been merely spectators for much of the first half, Reading emerged from the tunnel for the restart with more gusto and were rewarded just five minutes later as David Wheater was adjudged to have handled the ball in the area.

The referee pointed to the spot, and Blackman dispatched the ball into the back of the net.

The goal seemed to breathe life into a Royals side that had been severely lacking in confidence, with substitute Adam Le Fondre looking certain to hand his team the lead in the 71st minute after Royston Drenthe found the striker is acres of space, but Bogdan was quick to react to deny him.

As the clock ran down both sides pushed in search of a winner with Sean Morrison forcing the Bolton keeper into a smart save from close range and Pratley testing McCarthy, but the game finished all square.





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- 05 REAM
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## **MATCHACTION**











### **v** FOREST

MACKIE

Goals from Jamie Mackie, Andy Reid and Henri Lansbury sealed a 3-0 win for Nottingham Forest against ten man Bolton Wanderers at the City Ground last weekend.

Former QPR man Mackie put Forest on their way in the second minute after racing away from the Bolton backline to calmly slot past goalkeeper Adam Bogdan.

Wanderers fought back well in the first half but were unable to find an equaliser as Forest went on to comfortably win the game in the second period.

The Reds' second came when space opened on the edge of the penalty box for winger Reid to power a strong volley into the bottom right hand corner six minutes into the final 45.

With emotions high, Bolton man Darren Pratley received a second yellow card and his marching orders minutes later following a late foul when challenging for a header with Chris Cohen.

Responding to the early second half drama, manager Freedman made his first two changes, Craig Davies replaced by Jermaine Beckford and Samni Odelusi coming on for Robert Hall.

However, the substitutions didn't alter Bolton's fortunes as Nottingham Forest grabbed a third through former Arsenal trainee Lansbury.

From the same position as their second, Halford fired a low cross from the right hand side for Lansbury to sneak in at the back post and steer a diving header past a helpless Bogdan with 25 minutes left as Forest maintained their 100% start to the season.

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#### Welcome

We would like to welcome John Rogers of Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA who is here today enjoying hospitality in the Wanderers Suite with Friends.

#### **Happy Birthday**

Happy 8th Birthday to Amelia – Lots of Love from Mum & Dad Amelia is here today enjoying Hospitality in the Hall of Fame Suite

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#### **Lifeline Rollover Winner**

Congratulations to Bolton Wanderers supporter and Lifeline member Ray Massay who was awarded with a cheque worth £5,100 pitchside at our last game at the Reebok against Reading.

Ray has been in the Lifeline for a number of years but was overjoyed when he received his phone call informing him of this win. Our new captain Zat Knight was on hand to present the cheque.

To join the Lifeline please contact us on 01204 673774 or for more information head to www.boltoncentral.co.uk /lotteries



#### **TREATS AVAILABLE**

Our popular Treat packages have returned for the 2013/14 campaign, so why not book and meet one of the Bolton Wanderers players, with packages starting at £45. Information on different types of Treats are below.

#### **Original Special Treat**

A pre-ordered message will be printed in our new look Wanderers matchday programme. Once you have arrived at the Reebok Stadium, two hours before kick-off, you will be escorted to pitchside for a photograph taken with your chosen player and Lofty the Lion.

Maximum number of people - 2, Cost £45.00

#### **Signed Football**

A pre-ordered message to be printed in our new look Wanderers matchday programme. Once you have arrived at the Reebok Stadium, two hours before kick-off, you will receive a Bolton Wanderers signed football, which will be presented to you by the player you've selected.

Maximum number of people - 2, Cost £65.00

#### **Signed Photo Treat**

A pre-ordered message to be printed in our new look Wanderers matchday programme. Once you have arrived at the Reebok Stadium, two hours before kick-off, you will receive the option of either having a pre-signed framed player photograph or have a photograph taken from the day signed and framed which can be collected at a later date.

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### SOCCERINSWITZERLAND



holding their first ever camp in Switzerland.

The camp was a result of the Soccer School's visit to Dubai. After hearing about the great work Wanderers did in the UAE, Intersoccer Switzerland heard contacted the office about holding a camp in their country.

Forty players in total, both boys and girls, enjoyed the camp but also worked hard with Dave Bailey and James Ward taking the sessions throughout the week.

Dave and James also delivered a Coach Education Seminar one evening with 20 Intersoccer coaches in attendance hearing how Bolton Wanderers' coaches deliver sessions at the club.

Gordon Nunn one of the directors of Intersoccer commented "This is a high level and a real eye opener for players, coaches and parents. The discipline, attitude and professionalism is a credit to the International Soccer School and Bolton Wanderers. We are excited about looking to develop an elite camp and a coach education course for next year."

Wanderers' International Soccer School manager Bailey added: "Pleasingly the name and reputation of the International Soccer School is growing and we are now recognised as being ahead of a lot of other clubs in the field of player development and education.

"Our ISS continues to grow and break new ground and we are looking forward to an exciting season on and off the pitch".

The International Soccer School is soon heading to Nigeria, Australia, USA and Canada so please keep following the ISS and its coaching team as they take BWFC all over the globe.



After the international break, Bolton Wanderers welcome Roses rivals Leeds United to the Reebok Stadium on Saturday 14th September, 3pm kick-off.

Brian McDermott's Leeds, who are away at Ipswich Town this afternoon, have won one and drawn two of their opening three Sky Bet Championship games.

Looking for a return to the top flight after a near ten year absence, United have a squad and manager capable of achieving promotion this season.

Former Reading boss McDermott, who led the Royals to the Championship title two seasons ago, took over the reins at Elland Road late last season following the departure of Neil Warnock.

Losing his first game in charge at Birmingham City, the former Arsenal player soon steadied the ship and guided Leeds to Championship safety after they were flirting with relegation.

During the off season, United have made improvements to their squad, with McDermott returning to his old stomping ground to sign Republic of Ireland international Noel Hunt from Reading.

The Yorkshire outfit have also drafted in highly rated midfielder Luke Murphy from Crewe and towering young centre forward Matt Smith from Oldham Athletic.

With Ross McCormack and former Wanderers favourite El Hadji Diouf both linked with moves away from Leeds, there could be a couple of new faces in the Leeds ranks before they travel to the Reebok Stadium next month.

Last season at the Reebok Stadium, two goals from Kevin Davies earned Bolton a point against Leeds with the Yorkshire club winning the return fixture at Elland Road in January.

Overall, the two clubs have met 50 times in the league, with the Whites holding the slight upper hand with 20 wins compared to Leeds' 19.

To purchase tickets please visit Bolton Central or visit the club website.



#### COMMUNITYTRUST



Trust to hold Women's Development Centres. Bolton Wanderers Community Trust are looking to develop both women and girls football across the surrounding area next month.

Starting in September, the Trust are looking to deliver three development centres for the junior ages (14 and under) which will be based at Lostock Academy, Westhoughton and Johnson Fold.

The development centres have been running since November last year, and have proven to a success with three junior teams already competing this season in the North Manchester League.

Also, the Trust are planning to hold numerous development centres across Bolton targeting girls and women over the age of 14. The sessions will take place at Bolton University, ESSA Academy and St Catherine's Academy.

The centres will encourage continued participation through links with Bolton Wanderers Ladies FC who have both a first team and reserves that compete in local leagues.

If you are interested in participating or would like to know more information please contact Emily Ashworth, Girls Football Development Coordinator on 07500878627 or via email eashworth@bwct.org.uk





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